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This report summarizes the data from near-in strong-motion accelerograph stations operated by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Imperial Valley of California at the time of the October 15, 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake. The purpose of this report is to alert others as to the nature of the strong-motion data that is available from this event. In order to provide the information in a timely manner, the report has been limited to a summary of the data. A similar preliminary report of strong-motion data collected by the Office of Strong-Motion Studies of the California Division of Mines and Geology has already been issued.\* A more complete report of all of the strong ground motion data is contemplated. This will require the cooperation of all of the agencies in both the U.S. and Mexico that operate strong-motion instruments in the region. A report on the processing of the data from near-in stations is in preparation.

The moderate-size (magnitude 6.4) October 15, 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake was instrumentally located on the Imperial fault approximately 25 km southeast of El Centro, California (figure 1). This location is approximately the same as that of the 1940 Imperial Valley earthquake. The following parameters are for the main shock (CIT/USGS):

Origin time: 23:16:52.4 15OCT79 (UTC)  
Epicenter: 32.64 N, 115.33 W  
Focal depth: 15 km  
Magnitude: 6.4 ( $M_L$ )

The 1979 Imperial Valley earthquake triggered all of the accelerographs within about 100 km of the epicenter, and one as far away as 196 km. At this time (28OCT79) information is not available on all of the stations beyond 150 km. The locations of the ground motion instruments relative to the epicenter are shown in figure 1. A list of all of the accelerographs that are known to have been operational at the time of the earthquake and within a radius of about 150 km of the epicenter is given in table A. This list

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\* Preliminary Data - Partial film records and file data - Imperial Valley Earthquake of 15 October 1979; CDMG; Sacramento, 1979.

contains the station identification, an indication of the site geology, and the type and size of structure in which the instrument is housed. Most of the instruments are located in small instrument shelters or one-story buildings and are assumed to approximate a "free-field" condition. The instruments are self-contained film-recording accelerographs with a nominal upper limit on range of 1.0 g.

The data from USGS operated accelerographs are summarized in Table B and are presented in order of increasing distance of the stations from the 1940 fault trace. In addition to the distance from the fault and epicenter, the table summarizes the S-wave minus trigger times (when discernable), the peak accelerations, strong durations, and the trigger time as indicated by the WWVB time code on the record. Copies of all main-shock accelerograms from the USGS network are included in Appendix I.

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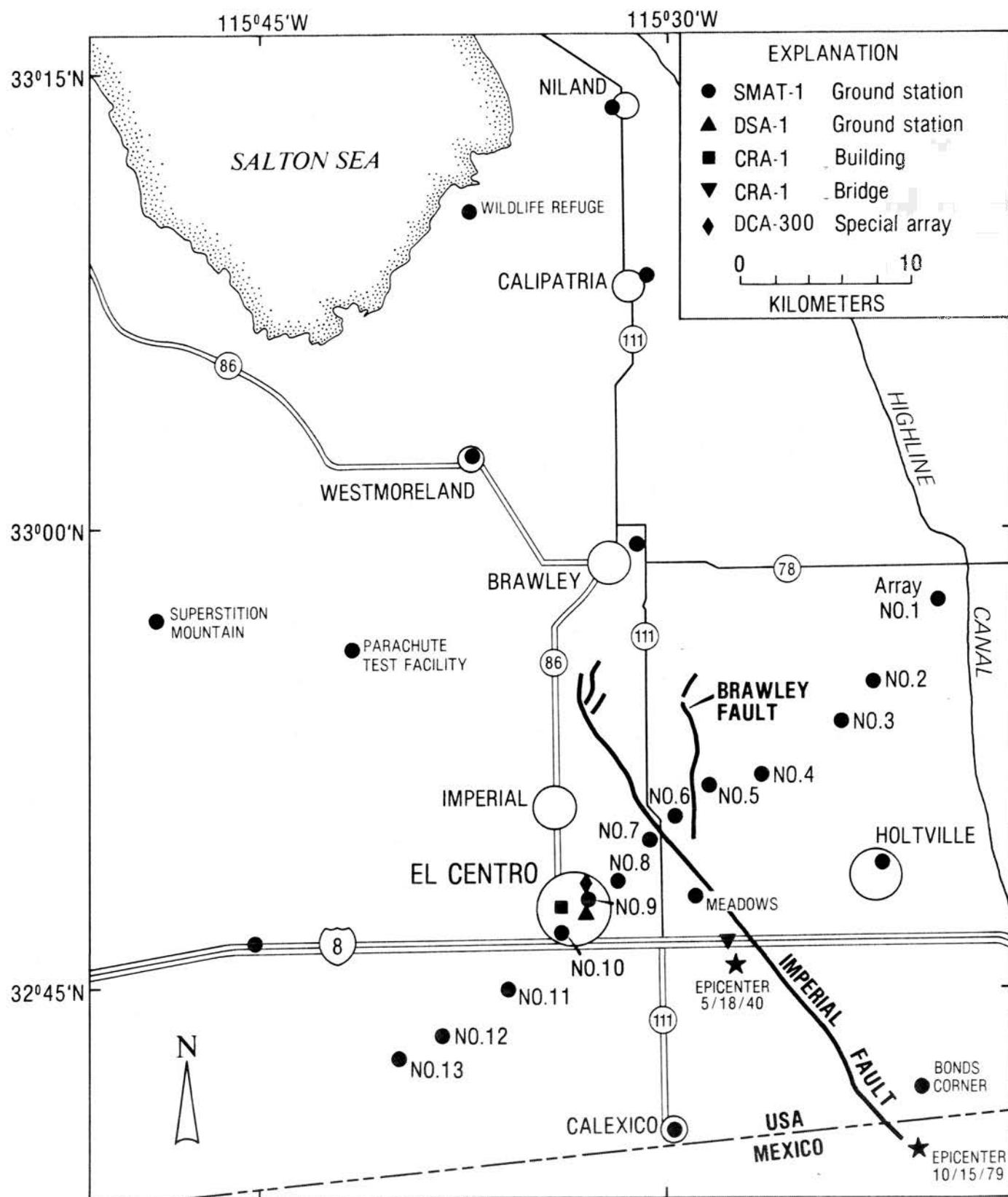


Figure 1.- Strong-motion stations in the Imperial Valley, California.

Table A - STATION LIST

No	Station Identification <sup>1</sup> Name (Data Source)	Coord	Site geology	Structure type/size	Instrument location(s)
5054	Bonds Corner Hwys 98 & 115	32.69 N 115.34 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5049	Borrego Air Ranch Borrego Springs	33.19 N 116.28 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5060	Brawley Airport Brawley	32.99 N 115.51 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5073	Cabazon Post Office	33.92 N 116.78 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5053	Calexico Fire Station Fifth & Mary	32.67 N 115.49 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5061	Calipatria Fire Sta	33.13 N 115.52 W		2-story bldg	Ground level
5063	Coachella Canal Sta 1	33.64 N 116.08 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5064	Coachella Canal Sta 2 Demosser	33.56 N 115.95 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5065	Coachella Canal Sta 3 Siphon 24	33.51 N 115.77 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5066	Coachella Canal Sta 4 Siphon 15	33.36 N 115.59 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5046	Collins Valley	33.42 N 116.47 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5165	E C Differential Array Dogwood Rd	32.80 N 115.54 W		Inst shltr	Ground level, 6 instruments
464	E1 Centro Meadows Union School	32.80 N 115.47 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	1-story bldg	Ground level
5056	E1 Centro Sta 1 Borchard Ranches	32.96 N 115.32 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5115	E1 Centro Sta 2 Keystone Rd	32.92 N 115.37 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5057	E1 Centro Sta 3 Pine Union School	32.89 N 115.38 W		1-story bldg	Ground level

Table A - STATION LIST (cont)

No	Station Identification <sup>1</sup> Name (Data Source)	Coord	Site geology	Structure type/size	Instrument location(s)
955	E1 Centro Sta 4 2905 Anderson Rd	32.86 N 115.43 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	Inst shltr	Ground level
952	E1 Centro Sta 5 2801 James Rd	32.86 N 115.47 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	Inst shltr	Ground level
942	E1 Centro Sta 6 Huston Rd	32.84 N 115.49 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	Inst shltr	Ground level
5028	E1 Centro Sta 7 Imperial Valley Col	32.83 N 115.50 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
958	E1 Centro Sta 8 95 E Cruickshank Rd	32.81 N 115.53 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	Inst shltr	Ground level
117*	E1 Centro Sta 9 302 Commercial Av	32.79 N 115.55 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	2-story bldg	Ground level
412	E1 Centro Sta 10 Community Hospital	32.78 N 115.57 W	Alluvium, more than 300m	1-story bldg	Ground level
5058	E1 Centro Sta 11 McCabe School	32.75 N 115.59 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
931	E1 Centro Sta 12 907 Brockman Rd	32.72 N 115.64 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5059	E1 Centro Sta 13 Strobel Residence	32.71 N 115.68 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
817	Hines Pumping Plant	33.71 N 115.63 W		Gatehouse	Mid level
5055	Holtville Post Office	32.81 N 115.38 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5067	Indio So Calif Gas Co	33.75 N 116.21 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5050	Ocotillo Wells Burro Bend Cafe	33.14 N 116.13 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5051	Parachute Test Site	32.93 N 115.70 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5044	Pinon Flat Observatory	33.61 N 116.46 W		Inst shltr	Tunnel

Table A - STATION LIST (cont)

No	Station Identification Name	Coord	Site geology	Structure type/size	Instrument location(s)
5052	Plaster City Storehouse	32.79 N 115.86 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
5047	Rancho de Anza Anza Borrego Park	33.35 N 116.40 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
5062	Salton Sea Wildlife Refuge	33.18 N 115.62 W		1-story bldg	Ground level
286	Superstition Mtn USAF Camera site	32.95 N 115.82 W	Granite	1-story bldg	Ground level
5045	Terwilliger Valley Snodgrass Residence	33.48 N 116.59 W		Inst shltr	Ground level
2316	Yuma Strand Ave	32.73 N 114.70 W		Inst shltr	Ground level

<sup>1</sup> Ref: Western Hemisphere Accelerograph Station List; USGS, Open-File Rpt. 77-374.

\* 1940 Strong-motion accelerogram recorded at this station. Ref: U.S. Eqks, 1940.

Table B - GROUND MOTION DATA

No	Station Identification <sup>1</sup> (Data Source)	Coord	Epicentral <sup>2</sup> Distance (km)	S - t <sup>3</sup> Interval (sec)	WWVB <sup>4</sup> trigger time	Acceleration Azimuth Maximum (note 5) (g)	Duration <sup>6</sup> > 0.1g (sec)
5028	El Centro Sta 7 Imperial Valley Col (USGS)	32.83 N 115.50 W	26 [1]	4.6	**	230 up 140 0.65 140 0.36	4.9 5.5 3.7
942	El Centro Sta 6 Huston Rd (USGS)	32.84 N 115.49 W	27 [1]	5*	17:01	230 0.45 up 1.74 140 0.72	7.9 6.2 11.8
5054	Bonds Corner Hwys 98 & 115 (USGS)	32.69 N 115.34 W	6 [3]	2.4	16:57	230 0.81 up 0.47 140 0.66	13.2 12.0 13.3
958	El Centro Sta 8 95 E Cruickshank (USGS)	32.81 N 115.53 W	27 [4]	5*	17:00	230 0.50 up 0.55 140 0.64	6.9 5.8 6.9
952	El Centro Sta 5 2801 James Rd (USGS)	32.86 N 115.47 W	28 [4]	5.1	17:01	230 0.40 up 0.71 140 0.56	7.6 5.6 7.4
5165	E C Differential Array Dogwood Rd (USGS)	32.80 N 115.54 W	26 [5]	5	**	360 0.51 up 0.93 270 0.37	10.2 7.0 7.0
117	El Centro Sta 9 302 Commercial Av (USGS)	32.79 N 115.55 W	26 [6]	-	-	360 0.40 dwn 0.38 090 0.27	7.4 4.7 7.0
955	El Centro Sta 4 2905 Anderson Rd (USGS)	32.86 N 115.43 W	26 [7]	4.8*	17:01	230 0.38 up 0.32 140 0.61	6.5 6.7 6.8
5060	Brawley Airport Brawley (USGS)	32.99 N 115.51 W	42 [7]	6.3	17:03	315 0.22 up 0.18 225 0.17	2.2 5.2 1.8
5055	Holtville Post Office (USGS)	32.81 N 115.38 W	19 [8]	4.1	**	315 0.22 up 0.31 225 0.26	7.5 7.0 6.2
412	El Centro Sta 10 Community Hospital (USGS)	32.78 N 115.57 W	27 [9]	4.9	**	050 up 320 0.20 0.15 0.23	5.2 2.2 5.1
5053	Calexico Fire Station Fifth & Mary (USGS)	32.67 N 115.49 W	15 [11]	3.2	16:59	315 0.22 up 0.21 225 0.28	9.5 8.8 10.8
5058	El Centro Sta 11 McCabe School (USGS)	32.75 N 115.59 W	27 [13]	5.6	17:00	230 0.38 up 0.16 140 0.38	6.5 7.7 7.0

Table B - GROUND MOTION DATA (cont)

No	Station Identification (Data Source)	Coord	Epicentral Distance (km)	S - t Interval (sec)	WWVB trigger time	Acceleration Azimuth Maximum (note 5) (g)	Duration > 0.1g
5057	El Centro Sta 3 Pine Union School (USGS)	32.89 N 115.38 W	28 [13]	5.4	**	230 0.22 up 0.15 140 0.27	6.2 5.6 6.0
5051	Parachute Test Site (USGS)	32.93 N 115.70 W	47 [15]	7.0	**	315 0.20 up 0.18 225 0.11	1.5 5.2 1.4
5115	El Centro Sta 2 Keystone Rd (USGS)	32.92 N 115.37 W	31 [16]	6	17:01	230 0.43 up 0.17 140 0.33	5.7 9.3 9.2
931	El Centro Sta 12 907 Brockman Rd (USGS)	32.72 N 115.64 W	30 [18]	5.2	17:01	230 0.11 up 0.08 140 0.15	4.9 - 3.8
5061	Calipatria Fire Sta (USGS)	33.13 N 115.52 W	57 [21]	7.4	17:06	315 0.09 up 0.07 225 0.13	- - 1 peak
5059	El Centro Sta 13 Strobel Residence (USGS)	32.71 N 115.68 W	34 [22]	5.1	17:02	230 0.15 up 0.06 140 0.12	5.0 - 2.4
5056	El Centro Sta 1 Borchard Ranches (USGS)	32.96 N 115.32 W	37 [22]	6	17:02	230 0.15 up 0.10 140 0.15	3.1 1 peak 4.8
286	Superstition Mtn USAF Camera site (USGS)	32.95 N 115.82 W	57 [26]	7.2*	17:06	135 0.21 up 0.09 045 0.12	1.1 - 0.6
5062	Salton Sea Wildlife Refuge (USGS)	33.18 N 115.62 W	66 [28]	3.5*	17:11	315 0.10 up 0.06 225 0.13	1 peak - 1 peak
5052	Plaster City Storehouse (USGS)	32.79 N 115.86 W	52 [31]	5*	**	135 0.07 up 0.03 045 0.05	- - -
5066	Coachella Canal Sta 4 Siphon 15 (USGS)	33.36 N 115.59 W	84 [47]	8.5	17:11	135 0.14 up 0.04 045 0.11	0.5 - 0.3
5050	Ocotillo Wells Burro Bend Cafe (USGS)	33.14 N 116.13 W	93 [59]	7.5*	17:15	315 0.05 up 0.03 225 0.04	- - -
2316	Yuma Strand Ave (USBR/USGS)	32.73 N 114.70 W	60 [61]	*	17:11	090 0.03 up 0.02 360 0.03	- - -

Table B - GROUND MOTION DATA (cont)

No	Station Identification (Data Source)	Coord	Epicentral Distance (km)	S - t Interval (sec)	WWVB trigger time	Acceleration Azimuth Maximum (note 5) (g)	Duration > 0.1g
5065	Coachella Canal Sta 3 Siphon 24 (USGS)	33.51 N 115.77 W	105 [67]			***	
5049	Borrego Air Ranch Borrego Springs (USGS)	33.19 N 116.28 W	108 [74]	8.2	17:20	315 up 0.04 225 0.02 0.03	-
5064	Coachella Canal Sta 2 Demosser (USGS)	33.56 N 115.95 W	117 [79]			***	
5047	Rancho de Anza Anza Borrego Park (USGS)	33.35 N 116.40 W	127 [92]	*	17:27	135 up 0.03 045 0.02 0.02	-
5063	Coachella Canal Sta 1 (USGS)	33.64 N 116.08 W	131 [92]	*	17:24	135 up 0.02 045 0.02 0.03	-
5067	Indio So Calif Gas Co (USGS)	33.75 N 116.21 W	148 [109]			***	
5073	Cabazon Post Office (USGS)	33.92 N 116.78 W	196 [158]	*	17:55	270 up 0.01 180 0.02 0.02	-

<sup>1</sup> Ref: Western Hemisphere Strong Motion Accelerograph Station List - 1976; USGS, Open-File Report 77-374.

<sup>2</sup> Distance from epicenter at 32.64 N and 115.33 W. Bracketed number is distance to the nearest point on the 1940 Imperial Fault trace. Reference: Sharp, R., 1977; Open File Report 77-815: Misc Field Studies Map MF 838.

<sup>3</sup> S-wave minus trigger time.

\* S - t is questionable.

<sup>4</sup> Trigger time in minutes and seconds after 288dys 23hrs (UTC) as determined from WWVB time code. Millisecond accuracy is possible.

\*\* WWVB time code not legible.

<sup>5</sup> Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection on accelerogram (degrees clockwise from north).

\*\*\* Accelerograph operational but did not trigger.

<sup>6</sup> Time span between the first and last peak greater than 0.10g.

## APPENDIX I

Copies of main-shock accelerograms  
from the USGS Strong-motion network:  
Imperial Valley earthquake of October 15, 1979.

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5028, 32.83N, 115.50W

E1 Centro Array #7

SMA-1T No. 1526 (USGS) Imp. Valley College

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

plus 12 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.87 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Sens. = 1.86 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.53 crit

Sens. = 1.90 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

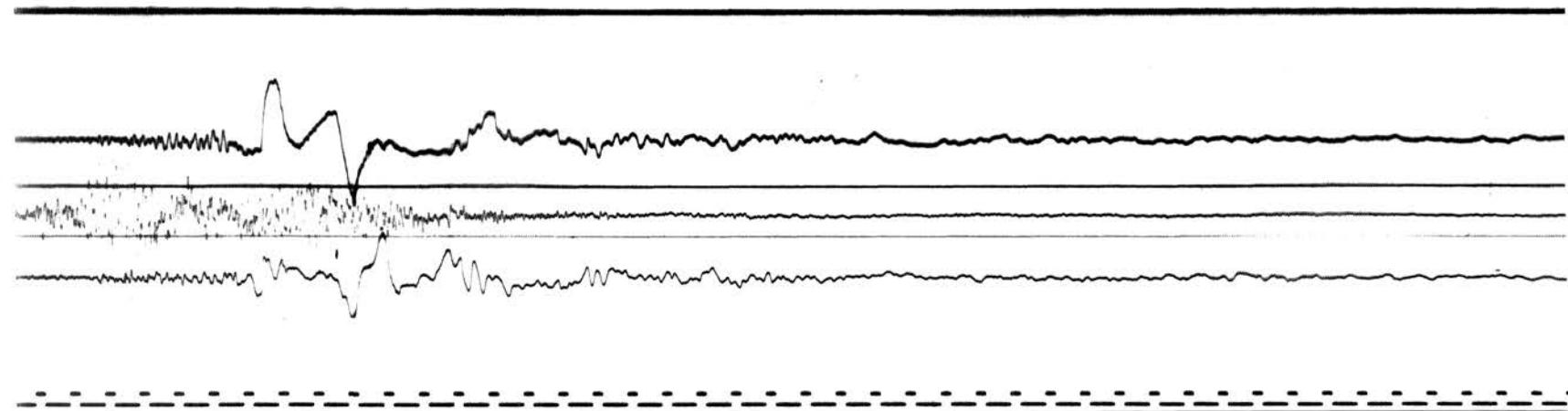
Damp. = 0.55 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK  
Station No. 942, 32.84N, 115.49W

El Centro Array #6

SMA-1T No. 1426 (USGS) Huston Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT  
15 October 1979, 2316 UTC  
plus 35 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*      CONSTANTS  
 $230^\circ$  , Sens. = 1.86 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.57 crit

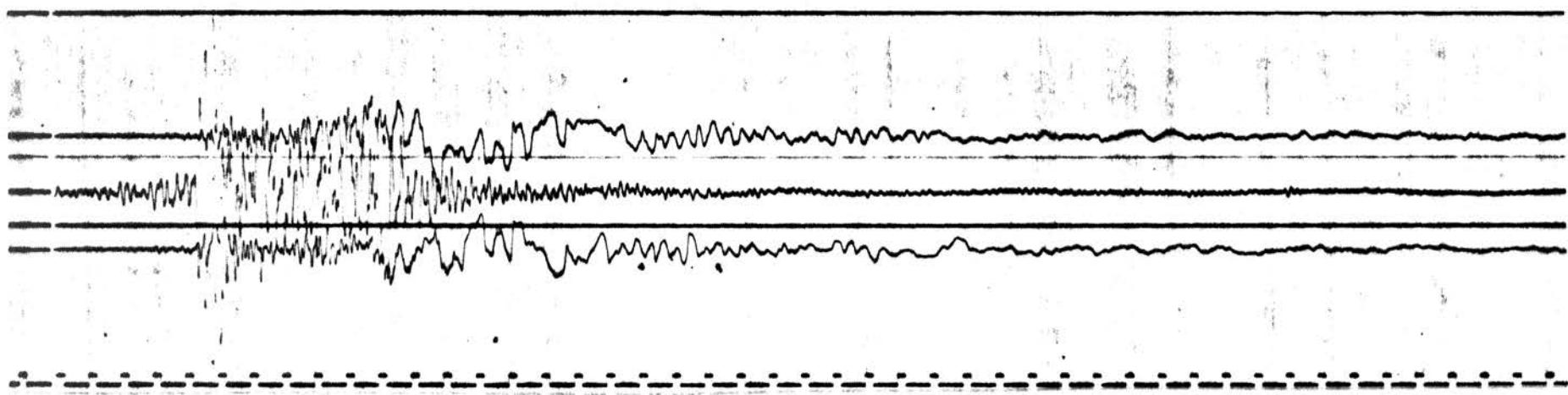
Up      Sens. = 1.75 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

$140^\circ$       Sens. = 1.77 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =  
2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5054, 32.693N, 115.338W

Bonds Corner, Hiways 98 & 115

SMA-IT No. 820 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 4 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.71 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Sens. = 1.72 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.53 crit

Sens. = 1.75 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

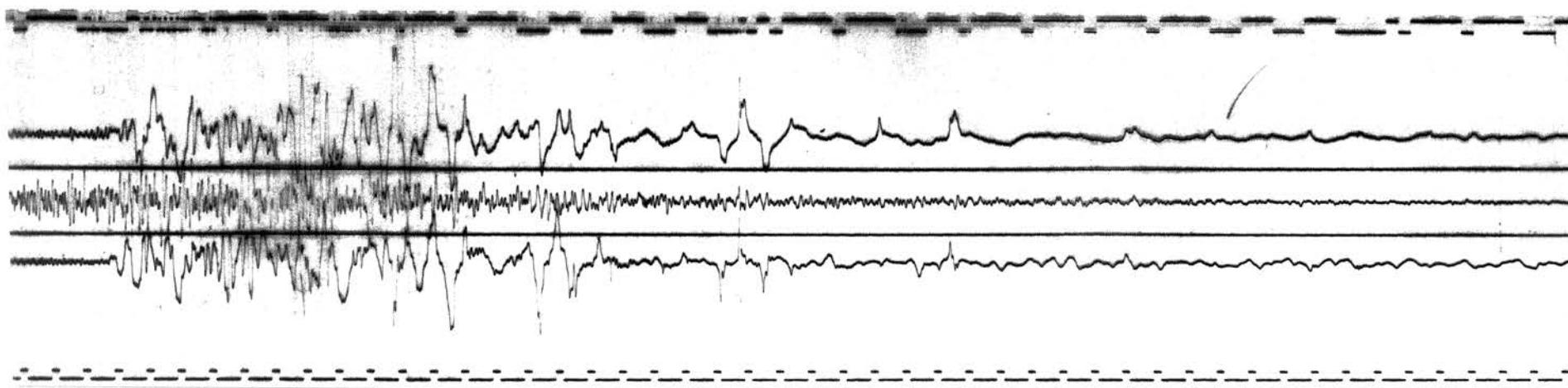
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 958, 32.81N, 115.53W

El Centro Array #8

SMA-1T No. 1513 (USGS) Cruickshank Rd

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT  
15 October 1979, 2316 UTC  
plus 14 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.91 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Sens. = 1.95 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Sens. = 1.80 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

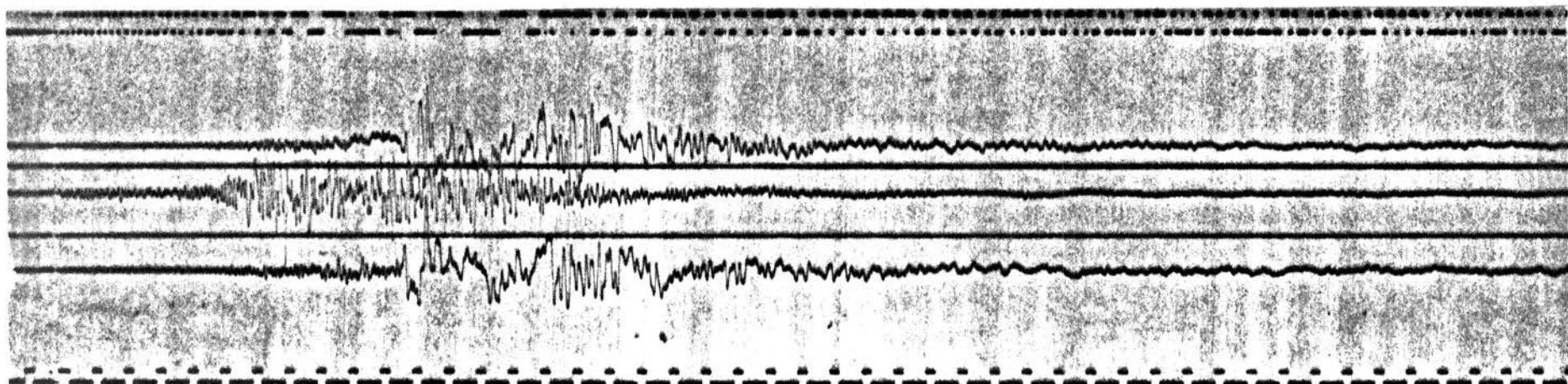
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 952, 32.855N, 115.466W

El Centro Array #5

SMA-1T No. 2339 (USGS) James Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 20 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.68 cm/g

Per. = .036 sec

Damp. = 0.65 crit

Sens. = 1.71 cm/g

Per. = .036 sec

Damp. = 0.65 crit

Sens. = 1.70 cm/g

Per. = .036 sec

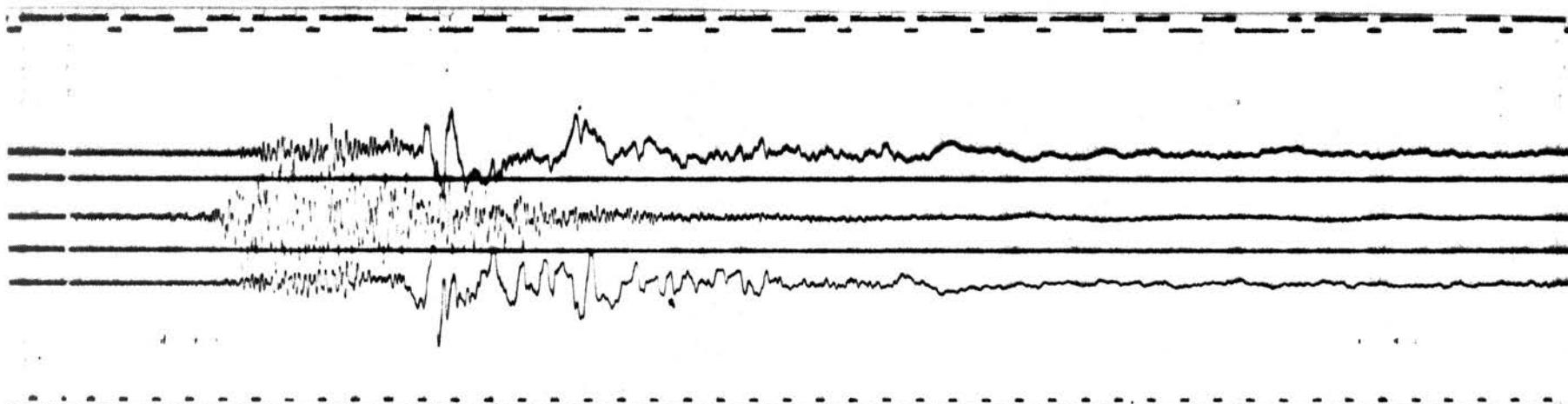
Damp. = 0.64 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5165 32.796N, 115.535W

El Centro, Diff. Array

SMA-1T No. 826 (USGS) Dogwood Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 19 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

360°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.92 cm/g  
Per. = .040 sec  
Damp. = 0.57 crit

Up

Sens. = 1.85 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

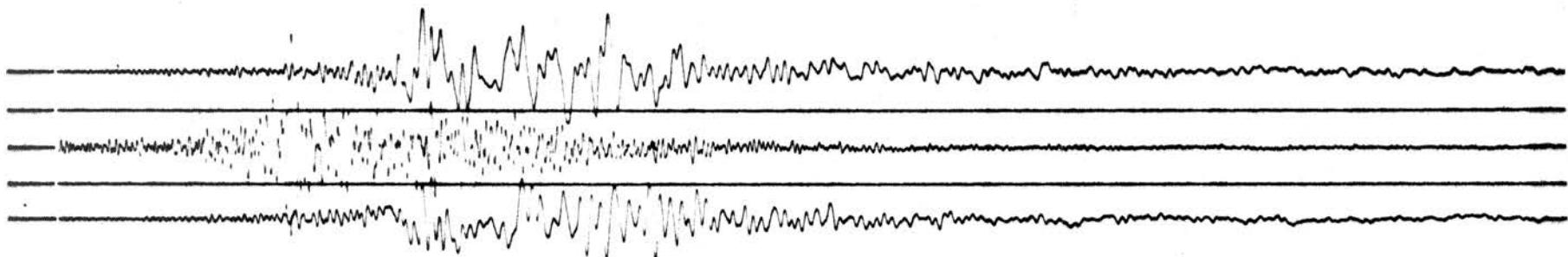
270°

Sens. = 1.77 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =  
2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



Down  
(V)      Sens. = 12.8 cm/g  
                Per. = .064 sec  
                Damp. = 0.59 crit

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK  
Station No. 117, 32.79N, 115.55W

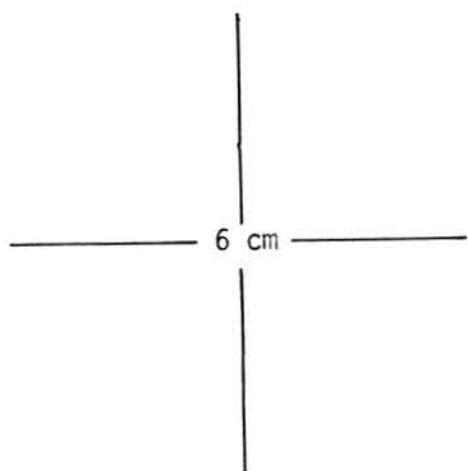
270°  
(T)\*\*      Mag. = 1.0  
                Per. = 5.50 sec  
                Damp. = 0.59 crit

E1 Centro Array #9

S-M, No. 32 w/CDIIS (USGS) Commercial Ave

EARTHQUAKE OF  
15 October 1979, 1616 PDT  
15 October 1979, 2316 UTC  
Plus 8 aftershocks

360°  
(L)      Sens. = 13.4 cm/g  
                Per. = .065 sec  
                Damp. = 0.62 crit



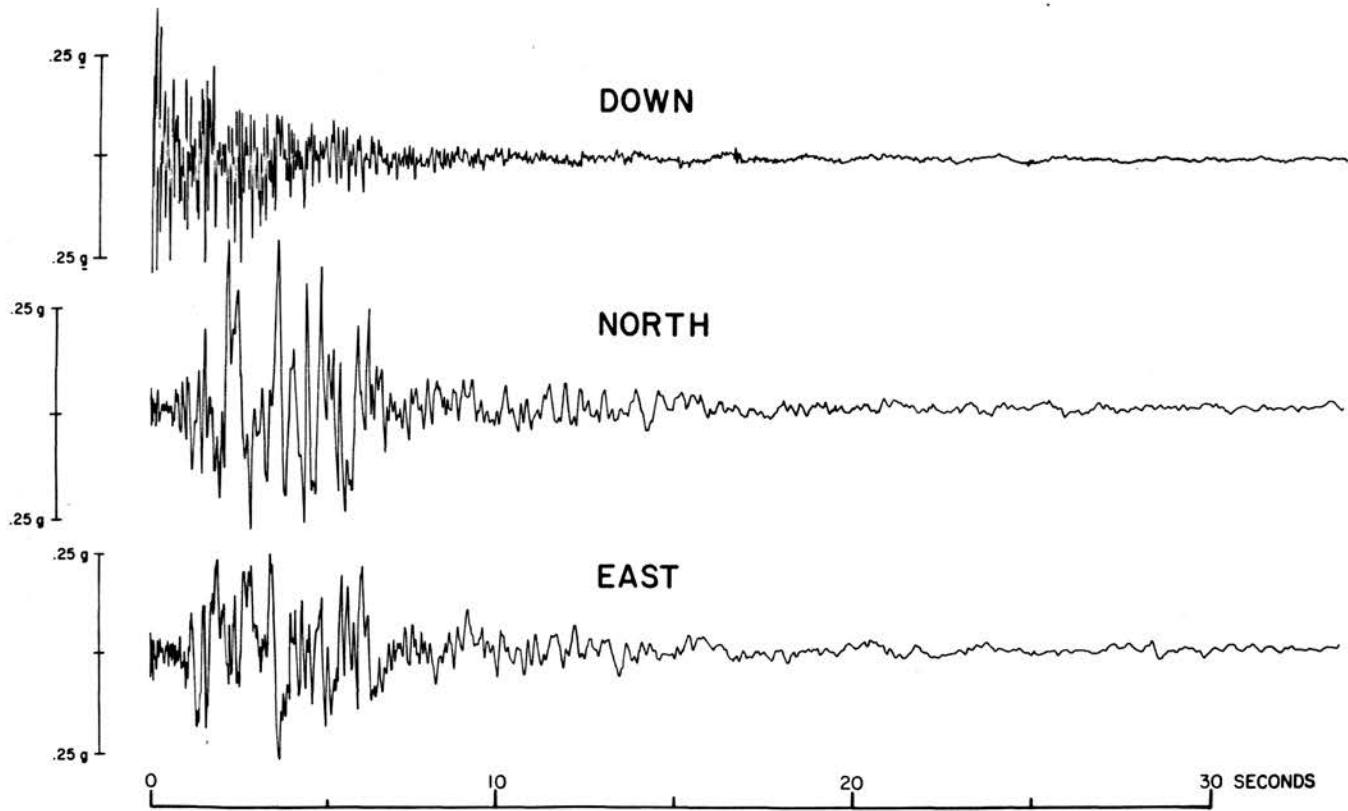
360°  
(L)\*\*      Mag. = 1.0  
                Per. = 6.20 sec  
                Damp. = 0.59 crit

090°  
(T)      Sens. = 12.8 cm/g  
                Per. = .064 sec  
                Damp. = 0.59 crit

FILM SPEED

2 time marks/sec

\*\*Carder Displacement Meter



Tracing of the accelerogram from El Centro Array Station 9.

U.S. STRIKE-SLIP NETWORK

Station No. 955, 32,86N, 115.43W

El Centro Array #4

SMA-IT No. 1427 (USGS) Anderson Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 5 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

CONSTANT

Sens. = 1.90 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Up

Sens. = 1.78 cm/g  
Per. = .038 sec  
Damp. = 0.62 crit

140°

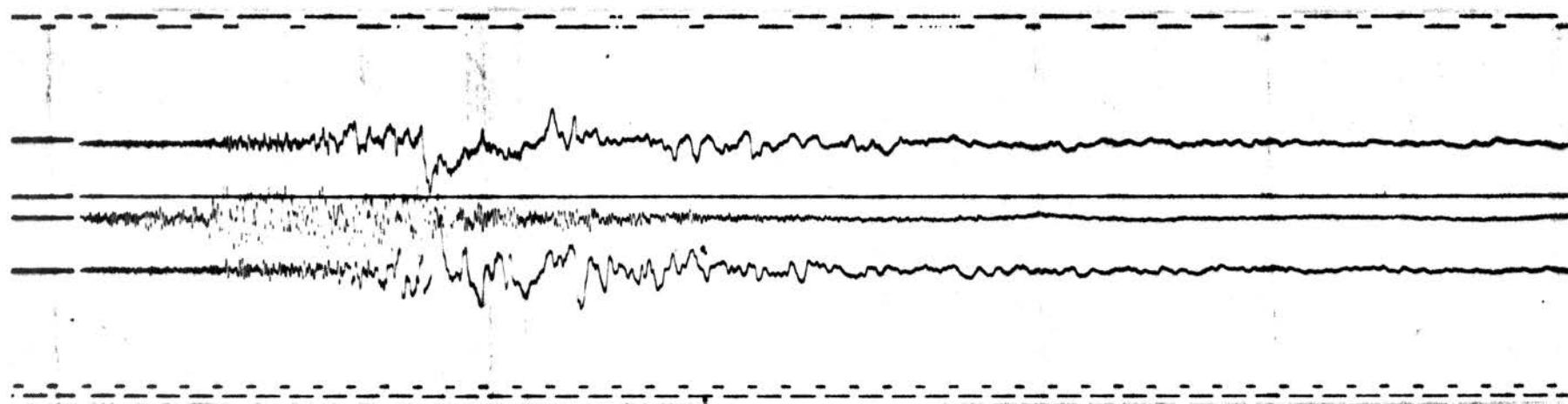
Sens. = 1.90 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5060, 32.99N, 115.51W

Brawley Municipal Airport

SMA-IT No. 1472 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 35 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.76 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Sens. = 1.88 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.77 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

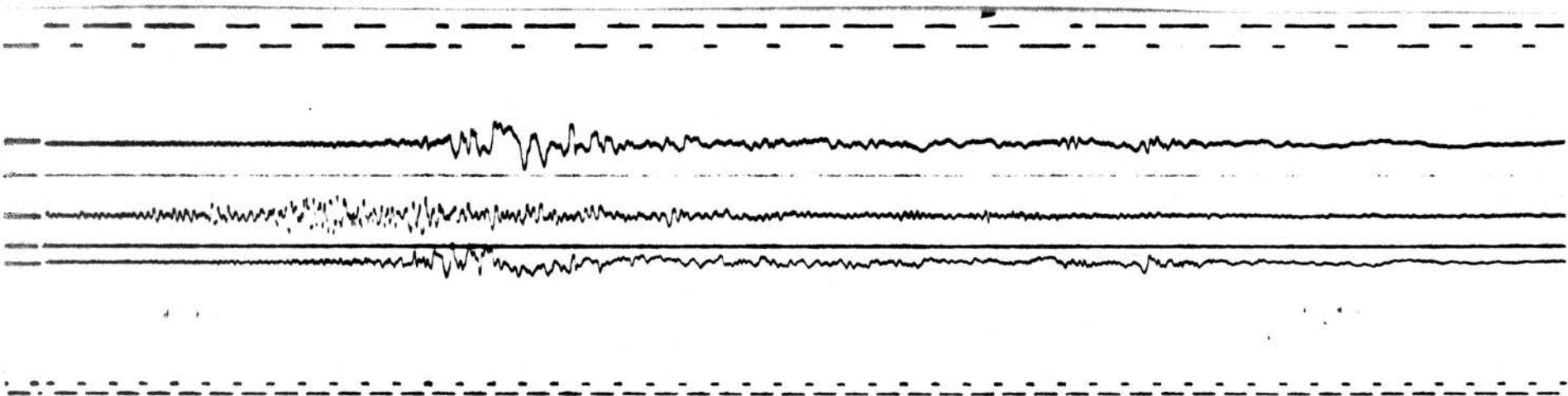
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5055, 32.81N, 115.38W

Holtville Post Office

SMA-IT No. 1482 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 3 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.93 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Up

Sens. = 1.89 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

225°

Sens. = 1.89 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

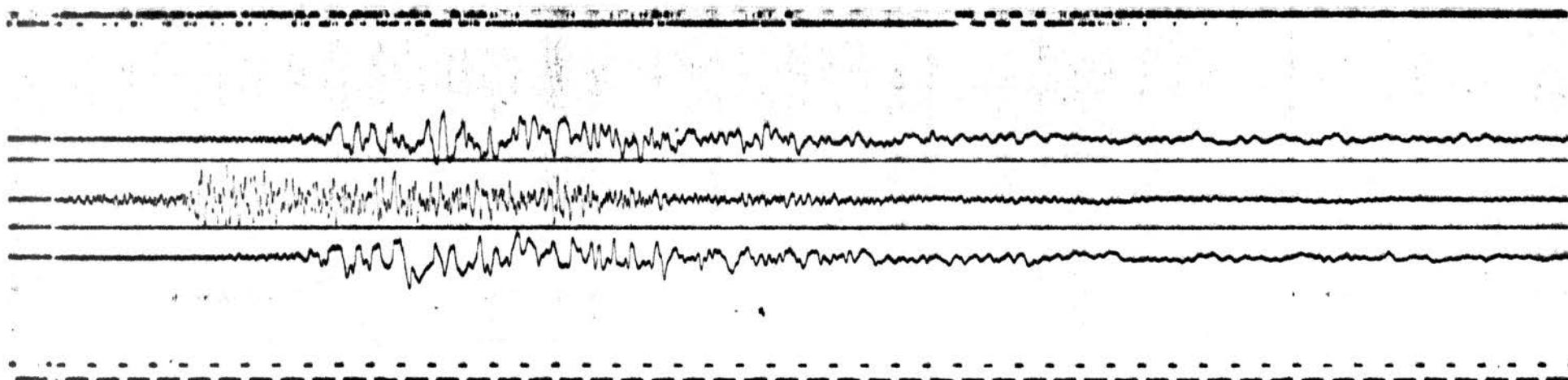
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 412, 32.780N, 115.567W

El Centro Array #10

RFT-250 No. 99 (USGS) Commun. Hospital

EARTHQUAKE OF  
15 October 1979, 1616 PPT  
15 October 1979, 2316 UTC  
plus 7 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

050°

Up

320°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.82 cm/g

Per. = .046 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.90 cm/g

Per. = .046 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Sens. = 1.95 cm/g

Per. = .045 sec

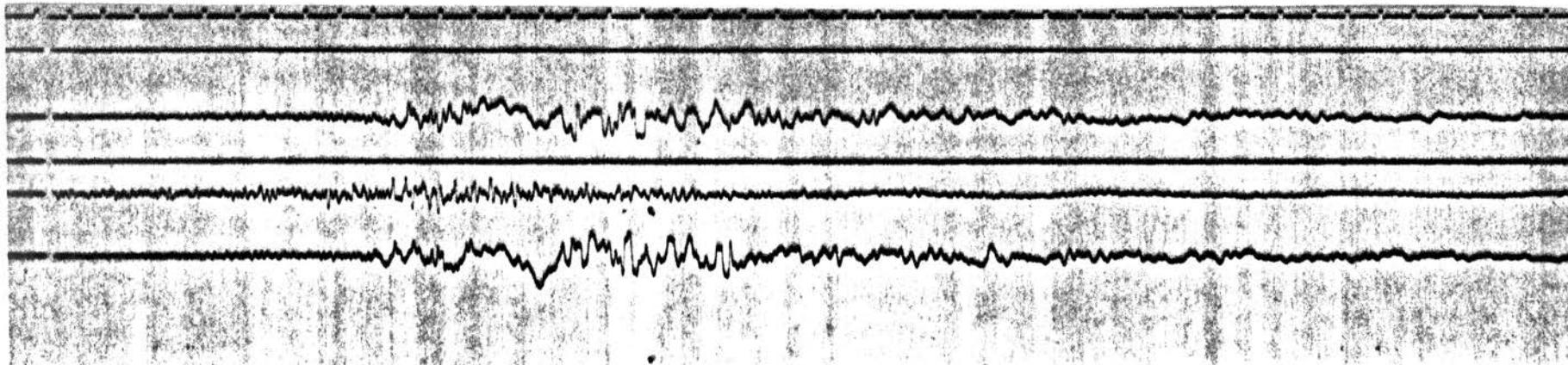
Damp. = 0.50 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5053, 32.67N, 115.49W

Calexico Fire Station

SMA-1T No. 1484 (USGS) 5th Street

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 5 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Sens. = 1.78 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Sens. = 1.95 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

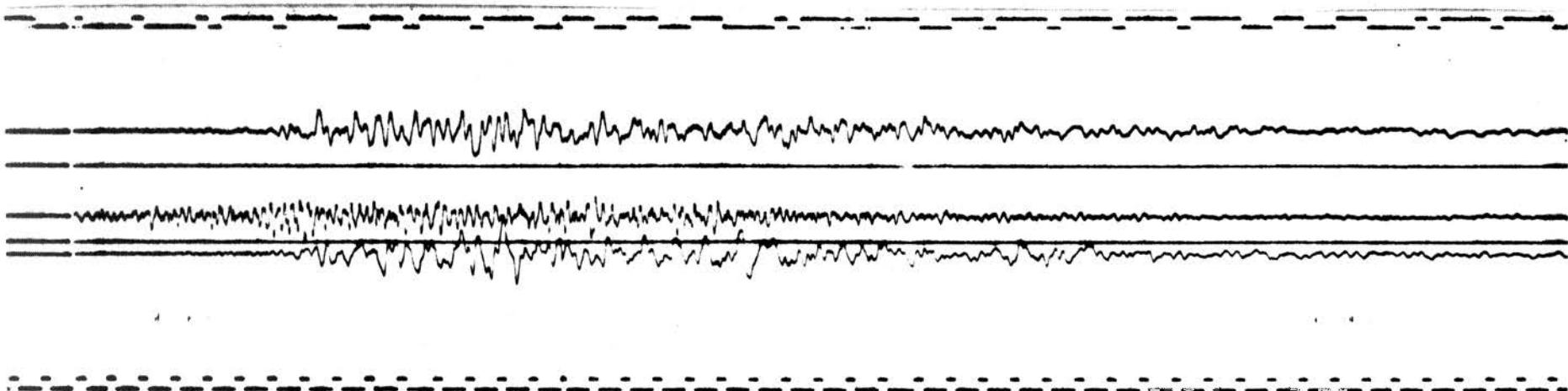
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5058, 32.75N, 115.59W

El Centro Array #11

SMA-IT No. 1504 (USGS) McCabe School

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 4 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.93 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

Up

Sens. = 1.90 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

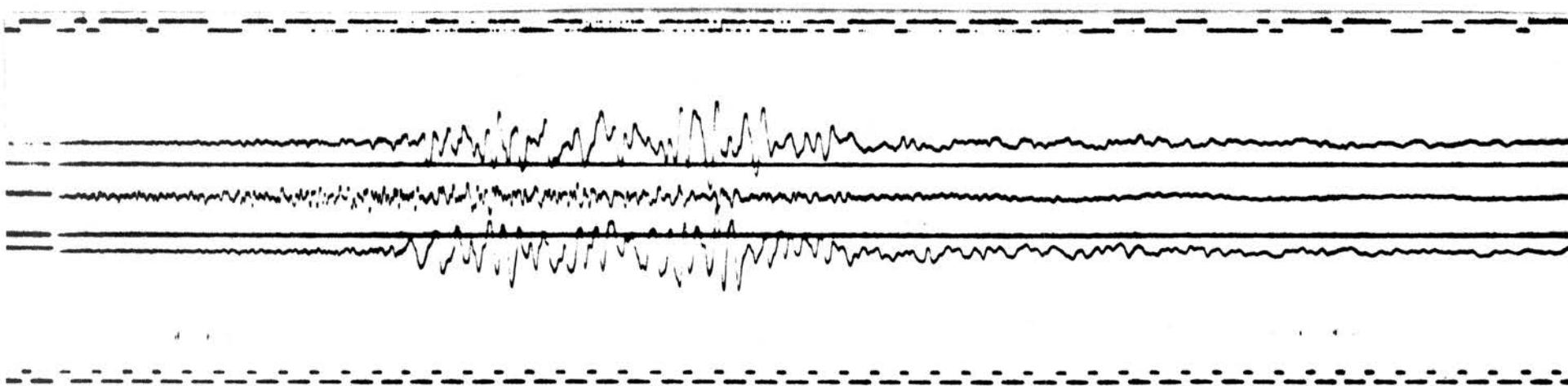
140°

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

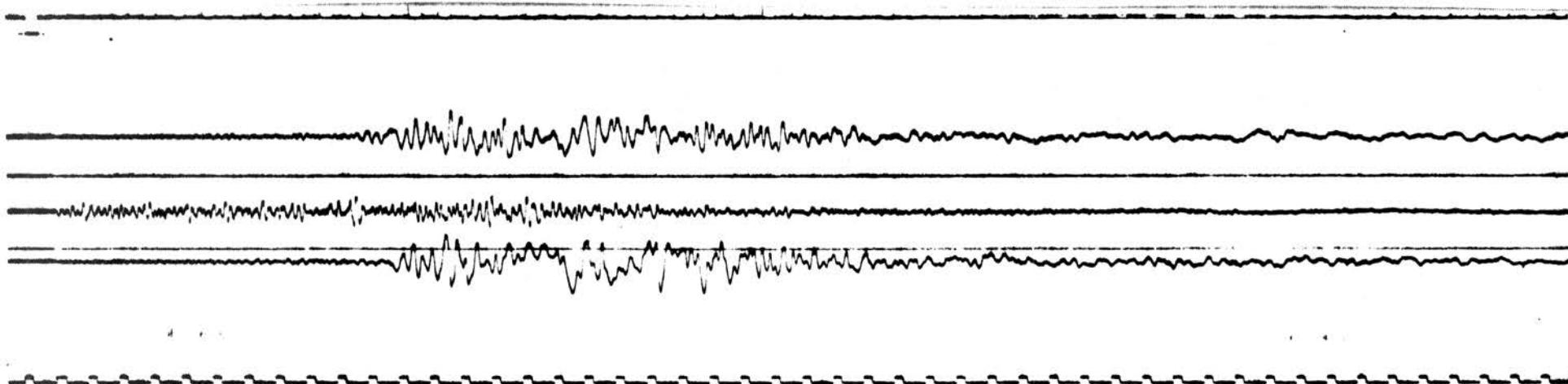


U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK  
Station No. 5057, 32.89N, 115.38W  
El Centro Array #3  
SMA1-T No. 1529 (USGS) Pine Union School  
EARTHQUAKE OF  
15 October 1979, 1616 PDT  
15 October 1979, 2316 UTC  
Plus 8 aftershocks

DIRECTION*	CONSTANTS
230°	Sens. = 1.84 cm/g Per. = .038 sec Damp. = 0.57 crit
Up	Sens. = 1.78 cm/g Per. = .038 sec Damp. = 0.59 crit
140°	Sens. = 1.84 cm/g Per. = .039 sec Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =  
2 time marks/sec  
5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5051 32.93N, 115.70W

Parachute Test Facility

SMA-1T No. 1465 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 19 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.90 cm/g  
Per. = .040 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Up

Sens. = 1.98 cm/g  
Per. = .040 sec  
Damp. = 0.61 crit

225°

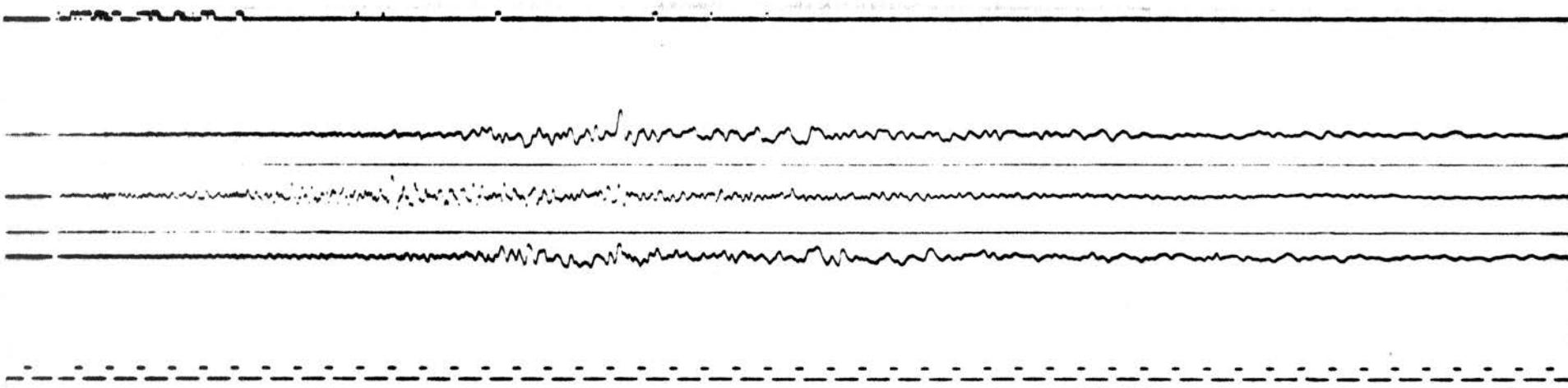
Sens. = 1.89 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5115 32.92N, 115.37W

E1 Centro Array #2

SMA-IT No. 587 (USGS) Keystone Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 9 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.68 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Sens. = 1.86 cm/g

Per. = .036 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Sens. = 1.75 cm/g

Per. = .035 sec

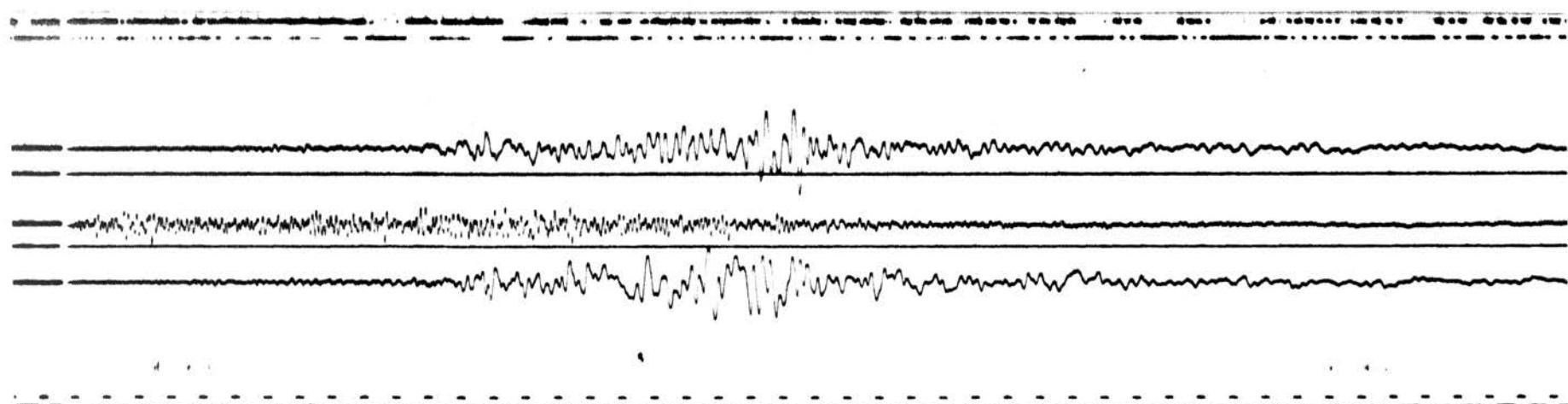
Damp. = 0.61 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 931, 32.72N, 115.64W

E1 Centro Array #12

SMA-IT No. 1503 (USGS) Brockman Rd.

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

230°

Up

140°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.88 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.53 crit

Sens. = 1.78 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

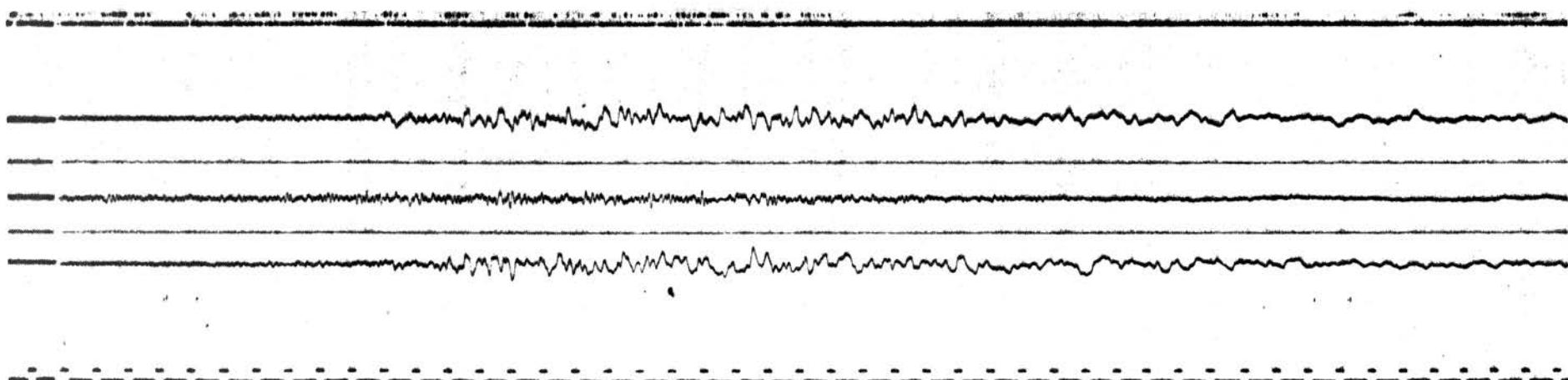
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5061, 33.13N, 115.52W

Calipatria Fire Station

SMA-IT No. 1530 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 11 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.86 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

Sens. = 1.86 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.79 cm/g

Per. = .037 sec

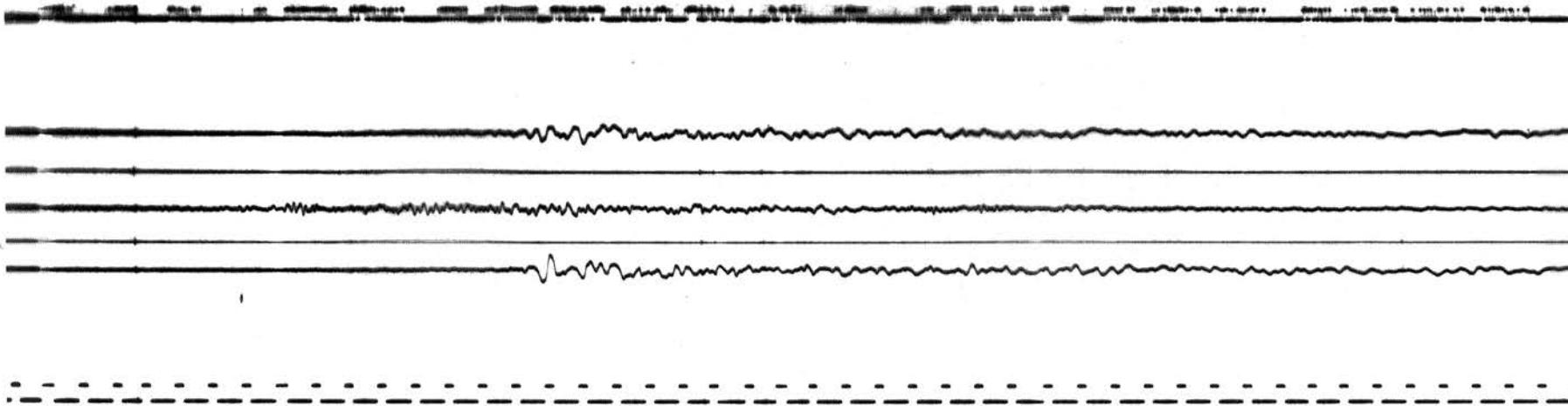
Damp. = 0.55 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5059, 32.71N, 115.68W

E1 Centro Array #13

SMA-1T No. 1460 (USGS) Strobel Residence

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 1 aftershock

DIRECTION\*

230°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.85 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

Up

Sens. = 1.81 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

140°

Sens. = 1.81 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5056 32.960N, 115.319W

El Centro Array #1

SMA-1T No. 1457 (USGS) Borchard Ranch

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 7 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

230°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Up

Sens. = 1.81 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.50 crit

140°

Sens. = 1.83 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to penulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 286, 32.955N, 115.823W

Superstition Mountain

SMA-1T No. 1492 (USGS) Camera Site

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 2 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

135°

Up

045°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.95 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.87 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.98 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

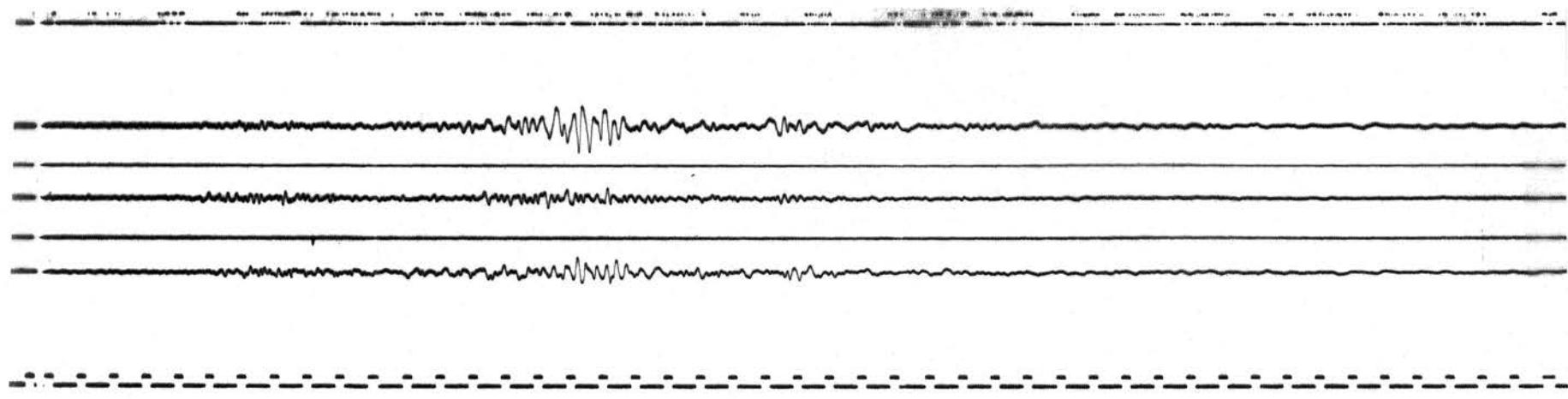
Damp. = 0.57 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5062, 33.18N, 115.62W

Salton Sea Wildlife Refuge

SMA-1T No. 1471 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

Plus 7 aftershocks

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.83 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

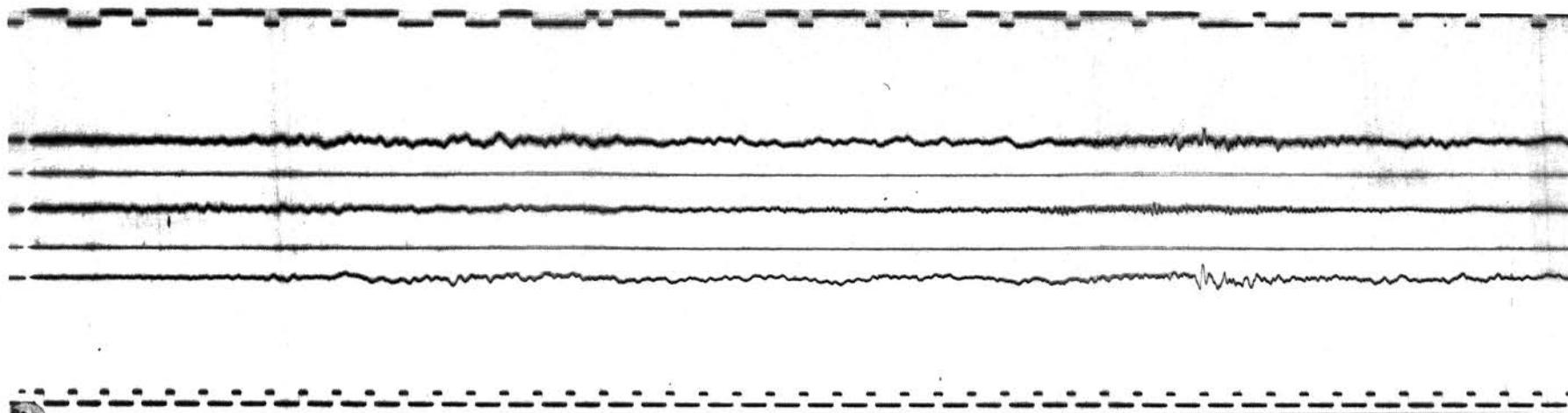
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5052 32.79N, 115.86W

Plaster City, Storehouse

SMA-IT No. 1497 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

135°

Up

045°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.97 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.87 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.55 crit

Film Speed =

? time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5066, 33.36N, 115.59W

Coachella Canal #4

SMA-1T No. 1477 (USGS) Siphon 15

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

135°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.83 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

Up

Sens. = 1.93 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

045°

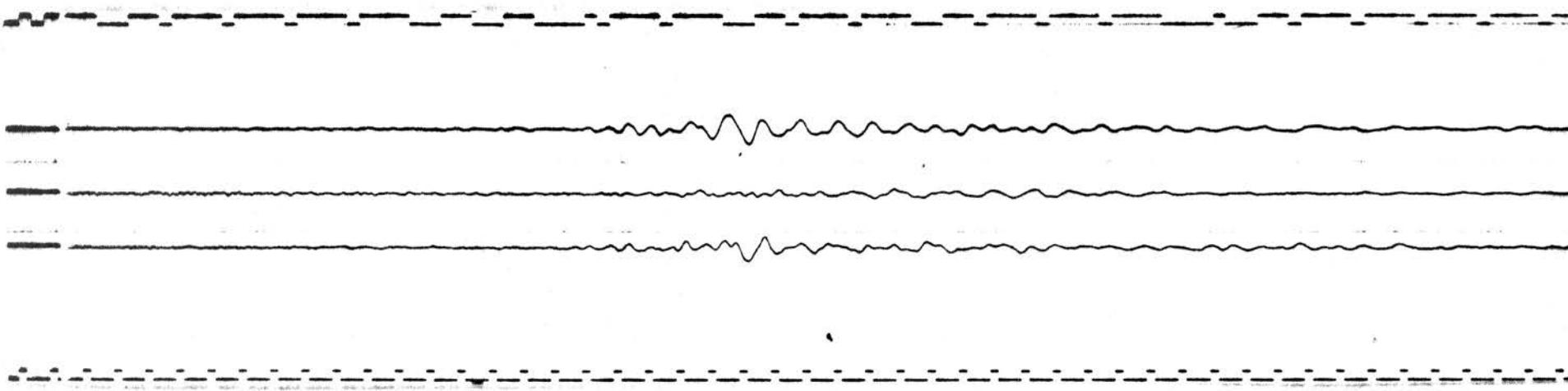
Sens. = 1.79 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5050, 33.14N, 116.13W

Ocotillo Wells

SMA-1T No. 1486 (USGS) Cafe

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.83 cm/g

Per. = .035 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Sens. = 1.91 cm/g

Per. = .035 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

Sens. = 1.85 cm/g

Per. = .035 sec

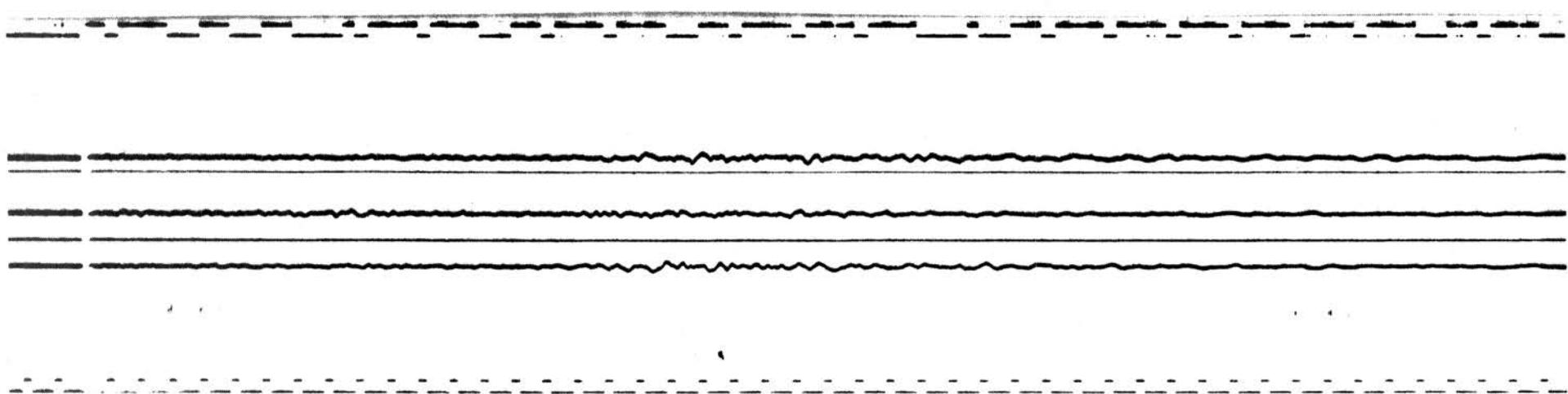
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 948 32.728N, 114.704W

Yuma, Arizona

SMA-1T No. 2166 (USGS) Freefield

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

090°

Up

360°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.77 cm/g

Per. = .037 sec

Damp. = 0.62 crit

Sens. = 1.80 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.60 crit

Sens. = 1.74 cm/g

Per. = .037 sec

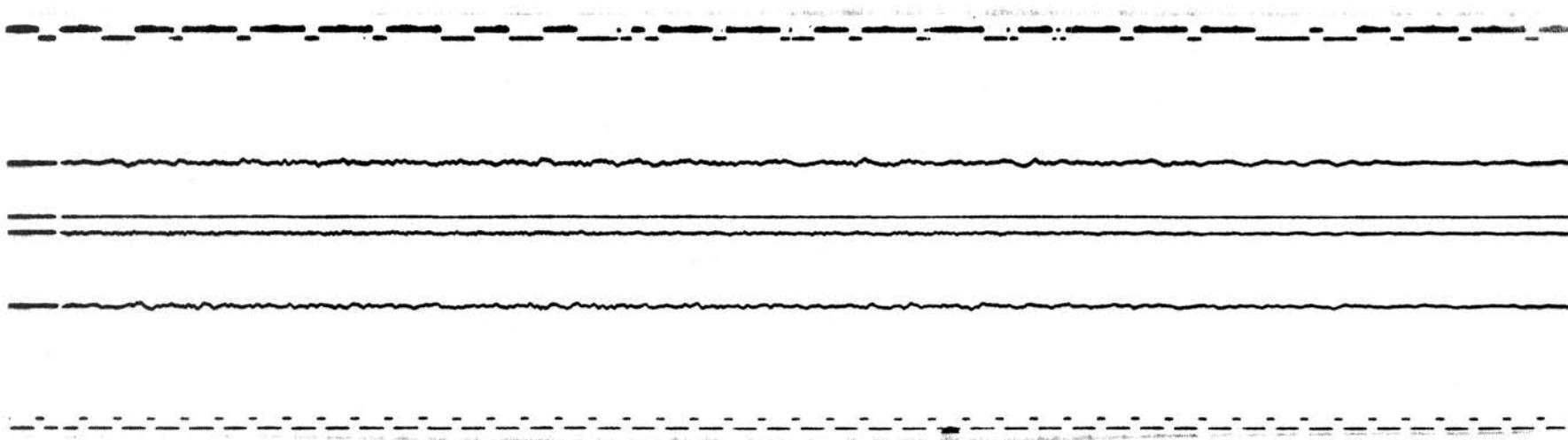
Damp. = 0.62 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).



U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5049, 33.19N, 116.28W

Borrego Air Ranch

SMA-1T No. 1473 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

315°

Up

225°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.88 cm/g  
Per. = .040 sec  
Damp. = 0.59 crit

Sens. = 1.85 cm/g  
Per. = .039 sec  
Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.75 cm/g  
Per. = .038 sec  
Damp. = 0.57 crit

Film Speed =  
2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5047, 33.35N, 116.40W

Rancho De Anza

SMA-1T No. 1522 (USGS) Anza-Borrego Park

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

135°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.60 crit

Up

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.87 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.60 crit

045°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.79 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.60 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5063, 33.64N, 116.08W

Coachella Canal #1

SMA-1T No. 1479 (USGS) Mile 97.1

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

135°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.92 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.59 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

Up

Sens. = 1.91 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

5 cm

045°

Sens. = 2.00 cm/g

Per. = .040 sec

Damp. = 0.61 crit

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).

U.S. STRONG-MOTION NETWORK

Station No. 5073, 33.92N, 116.78W

Cabazon Post Office

SMA-1T No. 1495 (USGS)

EARTHQUAKE OF

15 October 1979, 1616 PDT

15 October 1979, 2316 UTC

DIRECTION\*

270°

Up

180°

CONSTANTS

Sens. = 1.77 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.86 cm/g

Per. = .039 sec

Damp. = 0.57 crit

Sens. = 1.84 cm/g

Per. = .038 sec

Damp. = 0.65 crit

Film Speed =

2 time marks/sec

5 cm

\*Azimuthal direction of case acceleration for upward trace deflection (opposite direction to pendulum motion).